

**Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice  
Training Sub-Committee**

**December 19, 2006**

**Present: Bill Lansat, Mark Liss, Elias Escobedo, Don Duquette, Jolanda Murphy, Colleen Duhm, Carol Siemon, and Joy Thelen**

**1. SCAO's Draft Child Welfare Training Plan**

- Carol reviewed her tentative plan for training sessions over the next year. Carol would like to institutionalize some of these trainings, such as an annual conference every spring, summer series every summer, etc. The committee agreed that this was a good idea and that her draft plan begins to accomplish this. The committee approved her plan for the next year.
  - Appellate Training-Don and Bill agreed to work with Carol on this training. Possible presenters for this training would be Don Owens, Frank Vandervort, and one other person.
  - Advanced Training for Attorneys Representing Parents-Don will work with Carol in this training. Possible presenter for this training would be Vivek Sankaran, who is at U of M.
  - Don will send info on a training NCI (?) does to Carol and the committee members. This may be something SCAO wants to use.
  - Discussed having the Best Practice Forum in the fall on "Legal Orphans". Carol believes there will be some legislation on this issue due to Judge Tacoma's article.

**2. Attendance Issues**

- Carol has been concerned about the number of no-shows and cancellations at the training sessions. It was decided that this problem should be monitored and possibly send a letter to repeat offenders. Carol will be talking to the agency that registered 8 or 9 people for the training in Mt. Pleasant and no one from that agency showed up.

**3. Web-Based/Video Resources**

- Discussed the development of a resource/lending library. Carol is checking with the State Bar on how they handle this since they have a lending/resource library. We also decided to have any video and materials of the training sessions available on the GTF web-site and SCAO's Children's Services web-site once it is up and running. Carol will get these materials to Colleen to include on the GTF web-site.

**4. Protocol for Attorneys Representing Parents**

- Discussed developing a protocol for attorneys representing parents. Discussed making this a joint effort by GTF/CIP. Elias, Don, and Mark are interested on working on this. Carol will look into this project and see if this is something CIP wants to address.
- State Bar's web-site has resource materials available, such as protocols for attorneys. The resources are under the Access to Justice section of the web-site.